



Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
October 8, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

X	Larry Bomke	X	Robert Plunk
	Josh Collins		J.D. Sudeth
X	James Donelan	X	Joan Walters
X	Karen Hasara	X	Robert Wesley
X	Jackie Newman		

Others:

Norm Sims - SSCPRC

Jeff Fulgenzi -SSCRPC

Amy Uden - SSCRPC

Matthew Case- SSCRPC

Gail Weiskopf - SSCRPC

a. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Joan Walters called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order.

b. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Chair Walters announced that Mr. Josh Collins and Mr. J. D. Sudeth had contacted her and would not be in attendance.

c. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Walters asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting. There being none, Vice Chair Robert Plunk moved to approve the minutes from the last CEC meeting. Mr. Robert Wesley seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

d. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Walters provided commissioners with recent articles and information related to CEC recommendations.

Mr. Norm Sims announced that October is National Community Planning Month. He stated that in order to celebrate this occasion, The Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission will be holding an open house on Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 4:30 PM until 5:45 PM in the SSCRPC office. Following the open house, Harriet Festing of the Center for Neighborhood Technology in Chicago will be speaking on the topic of Urban Flooding from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The presentation will be held in the County Board chambers and is open to the public.



Mr. Sims invited the commissioners to an American Society Public Administration Central Illinois Chapter event to be held Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at the University of Illinois Springfield. This speed networking event is open to students of the Public Administration Department at UIS, those new to the field, and current practitioners.

Mr. Sims announced the departure of CEC staff member, Ms. Amy Uden, stressing the importance of Ms. Uden's work to the CEC. Ms. Uden informed the CEC that she will be leaving SSCRPC on October 31, 2014 and has accepted a position at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in the office of Community Health and Service.

Ms. Uden thanked the Commission for the phenomenal experience and for the opportunity of being able to work with the CEC. She thanked both Mr. Sims and Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi for their mentorship during her time at SSCRPC. Commissioners congratulated Ms. Uden on her new position and indicated that she would be sorely missed.

e. **REPORT OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND TASKFORCES**

- Chair's Report
 - Chair Walters stated that the report had been given.
- Report of Other Officers
 - There were no other reports.
- Committee/Taskforce Reports
 - Mr. Plunk reported that he, Ms. Jackie Newman, and energy efficiency consultant Ms. Carol Kulek met with the Executive Committee of the Regional Leadership Council (RLC). Mr. Plunk reported that the Citizens Efficiency Commission (CEC) is on the agenda for the RLC quarterly meeting to be held on October 29, 2014 and will address the full council. Mr. Plunk and Ms. Newman will be presenting an overview of CEC recommendations on Shared Administration, Shared Procurement, and Capitol Funding. Ms. Kulek will give a presentation on Energy Efficiency.
 - The CEC discussed Capitol Planning and the benefits and challenges involved in such an undertaking. Mr. Bob Wesley pointed out that difficulties sometimes arise due to differing fiscal years across jurisdictions. Mr. Jim Donelan suggested that this fact may not necessarily impede intergovernmental cooperation on budgetary issues.
 - Mr. Donelan reported that he and Mr. Sudeth met with Sangamon County Treasurer, Mr. Tom Cavanaugh and Mr. Mark Crawford to discuss the CEC's recommendations on centralizing township property tax collection functions and township general assistance cooperation. Regarding property tax collection centralization, Mr. Donelan reported that currently five townships have no tax collector. He stated that some of the townships have cut the wages of the collector which led to no one running for the office. Mr. Donelan further noted

that the Sangamon County Treasurer's office coordinates an annual meeting with township tax collectors in which topics range from how property taxes are administered to how tax bills are collected. He noted that the Treasurer's office has several incentives to shift property tax collection functions to Capital Township. The second part of the discussion centered on township general assistance partnerships, funds which townships maintain to offer emergency assistance as a last resort. Mr. Donelan mentioned that, as highlighted in the CEC's recommendation general assistance administration, Capital Township receives the most general assistance cases. Capital Township currently has partnerships in place with Chatham, Williams, Divernon, Cooper, and New Berlin Townships. Mr. Donelan related that he and Mr. Sudeth will reach out to the Ball Township supervisor to further these cooperation efforts.

- Chair Walters and Mr. Donelan provided an update on the issue of the sewer consolidation study. They noted that they have been in contact with Mr. Gregg Humphrey, Director of the Springfield Metropolitan Sanitary District and Mr. Mark Mahoney, Director of Springfield Public Works, and are currently anticipating a meeting.
- Hon. Karen Hasara and Sen. Larry Bomke provided an update on the regional policing study. They reported that they met with County Administrator, Brian McFadden, to discuss funding.
- Ms. Hasara and Sen. Bomke reported on developing linkages with the region's legislative delegation. They stated they are currently awaiting a response from an email which was sent out to local legislators.
- Mr. Plunk and Mr. Wesley reported on the status of developing linkages with Fire and EMS officials. Mr. Wesley stated that Mr. Plunk had developed a work plan and that he was working to develop a greater understanding of the materials prior to presenting a work plan to the CEC. Mr. Wesley indicated he will send a letter to the chiefs to make them aware that the CEC is working on a plan and that he is looking forward to engaging with them.
- Mr. Plunk mentioned that Mr. Tom Yokley, President of the Village of Williamsville and Treasurer of the RLC, and Brian Cuffle, Mayor of the Village of Spaulding and Chair of the RLC, expressed their interest in working with the CEC. Mr. Plunk indicated that at the RLC Executive Committee Meeting last evening, at which he and Ms. Newman were present, Mr. Yokley seemed very interested and willing to commit to further strengthening the relationship between the CEC and RLC. Mr. Plunk also shared that Louis Rogers, Chief of Riverton Village Fire Department, called after the last meeting. Mr. Plunk stated that during the conversation he shared the current status of the Fire/EMS implementation discussions with Chief Rogers.
- Ms. Newman provided an update on the CEC web and social media presence. She provided the CEC with a memo which she prepared with Mr. Collins. The recommendation contained in the memo, is to pursue a stand-alone website and hosting service. To carry out this recommendation the CEC would need to seek



an in-kind donation or an appropriation from a unit of government. Regarding social media, Ms. Newman suggested that the prudent course would be to wait until the right opportunity arises.

f. OTHER SPECIAL REPORTS

- Staff Report

g. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Update on Engaging Higher Education Representatives: SSCRPC Staff's Meeting with Dr. Funderburg, Assistant Professor of Public Administration at UIS, on Development of "Dashboard"
 - Mr. Sims reported that he, Mr. Fulgenzi and Ms. Uden met with Dr. Funderburg at the professor's office at the university. Mr. Sims stated that Dr. Funderburg seemed interested in the development of the dashboard. Mr. Sims explained the need for using data which can be compared across jurisdictions and is preferably regularly updated. He suggested that a "model household" in Sangamon County could be benchmarked against Sangamon County's peer counties of McLean, Champaign, and Peoria.
 - After a long discussion, the CEC had questions related to the difficulties of selecting data that would be reliable, valid, and useful. Because of the complexity of the methodological issues associated with the project, the CEC decided that the proper next course of action would be to invite Dr. Funderburg to the next CEC regular meeting in November.

h. NEW BUSINESS

The next CEC meeting date will be November 12, 2014, at 3:00 pm in Room 212 of the Sangamon County Building.

i. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Walters asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

j. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, Chair Walters called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wesley made the motion, with Mr. Plunk seconding. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf
Acting as Recording Secretary